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### REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-4, 6, 8-11 and 13 are currently pending in the application. Claims 14-18 and 22 are withdrawn. Claims 2, 5, 7, 12 and 19-21 are cancelled. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8-11 are rejected.

### Interview Summary

Applicant's wish to thank the Examiner for extending the time spent during the telephonic interview conducted on November 10, 2005 during which the Examiner and Applicant's attorney discussed the objection to the drawings, in particular the Examiner's interpretation of the term "laminar."

### Drawings

The Examiner has objected to the drawings under 37 CFR §183(a) for not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Applicants traverse the objection. The Examiner states that the laminar member of the closure in addition to the annular sealing ring must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claims. During the teleconference, the undersigned attorney pointed out to the Examiner that the annular sealing ring was indeed shown in the drawings, as set forth in detail below. In addition, during the interview the Examiner stated that she interprets the word "laminar" as meaning an object that is made up of more than one lamina or thin plate. However, the meaning of the word "laminar" as clearly used in the specification of the present application is as an adjective derived from the noun "lamina."

The meaning of the term "laminar" as used in the specification is therefore intended to mean something comprising a single thin plate, rather than multiple plates. It is clear from the application as originally filed, particularly from the drawings but also from the description which states that the laminar member may be a circular plate, that the word "laminar" as used in the specification should be interpreted this way.

It is further clear from the original Claim 5 of the international application as filed, that the rigid closure forming part of the container closure includes a laminar member and an annular skirt depending downwardly therefrom.

In the specific embodiment illustrated clearly in Figure 1 and described in the description particularly at the portion beginning on page 6, line 34 and continuing to page 7, line 7, it is clear that the laminar member corresponds to the disc 21 and the annular skirt corresponds to annular

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skirt 22. Figure 1 shows that the disc 21 has a flat thin section and thus comprises a "lamina" and is contiguous with skirt 22.

It is clear from Figure 1 and the accompanying description that the disc and the skirt are of the same material. If disc 21 were a member comprising a plurality of layers, skirt 22 would have to have the same layering.

For the reasons set out above, Applicant is of the opinion that it is clear from the application as originally filed that the term "laminar member" is intended to mean a member comprising a single lamina. In other words, the word "laminar" is actually derived from the noun "lamina."

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103

Claims 1, 3-4, 6, 8-9, and 13 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hiroshi (JP Application 06219464). Applicant again traverses the rejection.

With respect to the Hiroshi reference, Applicant would like to draw the Examiner's attention to the ventilation holes 8 in lid 5 of the Hiroshi device. If a can according to Hiroshi is heated, the inside pressure generated may expand the inner lid 3 in the direction of the outer lid 5.

There is no mention nor suggestion in Hiroshi of how the inner lid might move into contact with the inner surface of outer lid 5. In fact, if the inner lid 3 makes contact with the outer lid 5, then the pressure building up within the container of Hiroshi could cause the inner lid 3 to be pushed through the holes 8. Alternatively, the holes 8 could puncture the inner lid 3. There is nothing in Hiroshi that allows for the possibility of an embodiment of the Hiroshi container that does not contain the holes 8.

Applicant suggests, therefore, that the invention as claimed in Claim 1 of the application is novel and non-obvious over the prior art cited by the Examiner.

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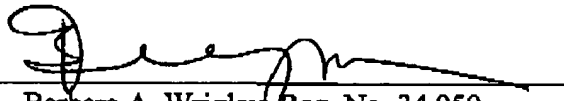
Conclusion

On the basis of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 3-4, 6, 8-11 and 13 are now believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. A request for one-month extension of time is enclosed herewith, thereby extending the date for timely response to December 27, 2005, December 24, 2005 being a Saturday and December 26, 2005 being a Federal holiday. If it is believed that any additional fees are necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit any such fees or overpayment to Deposit Account No. (Reference #350013-65).

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